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SUMMARY. IN MARATHON PLENARY, AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG INTRODUCED
COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT OF ALL PARTICI-
PATING STATES TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE. U.S.-
ORIGINATED PROPOSAL WAS COSPONSORED BY ALL NATO AND EC-9
DELS AND RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT FROM KEY NEUTRAL DELS.
EASTERN TACTICAL RESPONSE WAS TO PRODUCE THREE HUMAN RIGHTS
PROPOSALS OF THEIR OWN ON LIMITED SUBJECTS: RIGHT TO

WORK, UN COVENANTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. FRENCH ALSO INTRODUCED LONG-AWAITED "SKELETON" OF CONCLUDING DOCUMENT THAT NATO CAUCUS HAD WORKED ON. END SUMMARY.

1. PLENARY--U.S. INTRODUCED COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL COSPONSORED BY FULL NATO AND EC-9 MEMBERSHIP. EAST RESPONDED WITH THREE HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSALS OF THEIR OWN ON RIGHT TO WORK, RATIFICATION OF UN COVENANTS, AND RIGHTS OF WOMEN. FRENCH INTRODUCED "SKELETON" CONCLUDING DOCUMENT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN NATO CAUCUS.

2. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG INTRODUCED ALLIED HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL IN BRIEF, LOW-KEY ADDRESS THAT NOTED BELGRADE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION HAD SHOWN NEED FOR PROPOSAL THAT WOULD RE-COMMIT PARTICIPATING STATES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS AS WELL AS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. CROSS-SECTION OF COSPONSORS GAVE STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT. SWEDISH, AUSTRIAN, SWISS, SPANISH AND LIECHTENSTEIN REPS ALSO GAVE STRONG SUPPORTING STATEMENTS. EASTERN SPEAKERS ESSENTIALLY IGNORED ALLIED PROPOSAL AND CONCENTRATED ON THEIR OWN INCLUDING HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL ON RIGHT TO WORK AND GDR-BULGARIAN PROPOSALS CALLING FOR ALL PARTICIPATING STATES TO RATIFY UN COVENANTS AND TO GIVE WOMEN EQUAL RIGHTS (TEXTS SEPTTEL). VARIOUS EASTERN SPEAKERS WHO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THREE PROPOSALS, INCLUDING SOVIET RE, NOTED WESTERN UNEMPLOYMENT AND, INDIRECTLY, POOR U.S. RECORD IN RATIFYING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HUMAN RIGHTS AGREEMENTS. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG SPOKE AT END OF SESSION SAYING U.S. WOULD STUDY EASTERN PROPOSALS CAREFULLY. HE BRIEFLY REVIEWED WHAT U.S. IS DOING FOR WOMAN'S RIGHTS AND SAID THAT INCOME MAINTENANCE, IN SITUATIONS WHERE FULL EMPLOYMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE, IS IMPORTANT COROLLARY TO MORAL OBLIGATION STATES HAVE TO TRY TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO EMPLOYMENT (FULL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG'S STATEMENTS SEPTELS).

3. ALLIED AND NEUTRAL SPEAKERS WELCOMED FRENCH "SKELETON" CONCLUDING DOCUMENT WHILE EASTERN SPEAKERS CALLED IT INTERESTING AND PROMISED FURTHER STUDY. SWISS, SWEDISH, AUSTRIAN AND NORWEGIAN REPS URGED PLENARY TO ESTABLISH DRAFTING GROUPS (AS ENVISAGED IN YELLOW BOOK) WHEN SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES GO OUT OF EXISTENCE DECEMBER 16.

4. BASKET ONE (PRINCIPLES)--US REP (GREENWALD) SAID WE EXPECTED THAT FOUR HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSALS INTRODUCED IN PLENARY WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF WORKING BODY. HE NOTED THAT COSPONSORS ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO NEW ALLIED PROPOSAL AND THAT U.S. DEL WELCOMED INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS BY HUNGARIAN, GDR AND

BULGARIAN REPS THAT SEEMED TO INDICATE CONSENSUS IS GROWING THAT THERE MUST BE SUBSTANTIAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONTENT IN CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. HE SAID USDEL WOULD STUDY EASTERN PROPOSALS CAREFULLY AND WOULD BE PREPARED, AS OTHER DELS PREFERRED, EITHER TO CONCENTRATE ON GENERAL ALLIED PROPOSAL OR TO BUILD ON EASTERN CONCEPT BY FORMULATING FURTHER, MORE SPECIFIC, PROPOSALS ON INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ALLIED SPEAKERS, INCLUDING U.S., GENERALLY EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH YUGOSLAV NATIONAL MINORITIES

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PROPOSAL (BM/47) WHILE INDICATING DRAFTING REGINEMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL, AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK FURTHER ON

GDR PROPOSAL ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT (BM/55).
THEY INDICATED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF GDR PROPOSAL CALLING
FOR BANNING OF FASCIST, NAZI, REVANCHIST, ETC. ORGANI-
ZATIONS (BM/54), NOTING THAT PROPOSAL RAISED SPECTRES
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FROM PAST NOT RELEVANT TO TODAY'S CSCE CONCERNS. GDR
REP SAID THERE REALLY ARE LOTS OF NEO-NAZIS ABOUT TO
COME OUT OF WESTERN WOODWORK, AND SOVIET BULGARIAN
REPS PRAISED BM/55.

5. BASKET TWO--IN INFORMAL DRAFTING SESSION,
WORKING GROUP EXAMINED NEW PROPOSALS ON TRADE IN DRUGS
AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND ON FACILITATION FOR SMALL AND
MEDIUM SIZED FIRMS. BELGIAN REP EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR
BASIC CONCEPT AND HUMANITARIAN INTENT OF HUNGARIAN-GDR
PROPOSAL ON TRADE IN DRUGS PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, HE QUES-
TIONED APPROPRIATENESS OF ECE RATHER THAN GATT AS VEHICLE
FOR DISCUSSION OF TARIFF QUESTIONS, COMPETENCE OF GOVERN-
MENTS TO DECIDE MERITS OF COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION, AND
APPROPRIATENESS OF ECE FOR CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS OF
STANDARDIZATION. DANISH REP POINTED TO PROBLEMS OTHER
THAN TARIFFS AS CONSITUTING HINDRANCES TO DEVELOPMENT
OF TRADE IN THESE FIELDS. DEFINDING HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL,
SOVIET REP DERIDED WESTERN REJECTION OF TARIFF ITEM AS
ATTEMPT TO EMASCULATE ENTIRE PROPOSAL. (DETAILS
REPORTED SEPTTEL.) IN RE ONSE TO PRESENTATION BY FRG
DELEGATE OF WESTERN PROPOSAL ON SMAPA AND MEDIUM SIZED
FIRMS, SOVIET REP DISMISSED PROPOSAL AS INSIGNIFICANT
COMPARED WITH PROBLEMS OF TRADE POLICY. SOVIET REP ALSO
CALLED PROBLEMS OF SMALL FIRMS CITED BY FRG REP ARTIFICIAL
AND PRESENT ONLY IN EXTREME AND SELECTED CASES. ROMANIAN
REP, ECHOING SOVIET POSITION, STATED THAT IN ABSENCE OF
SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF "PRINCIPLE", QUESTIONS OF REP-
RESENTATION FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED FIRMS ARE MOST
SINCE TRADE TURNOVER WILL NOT JUSTIFY THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

6. BASKET THREE--CONSIDERATION OF THREE PROPOSALS ON
WORKING CONDITIONS OF JOURNALISTS INVOLVING IMPORTATION
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OF PERSONAL REFERENCE MATERIAL (BM/34), EXPULSION
(BM/35), AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION
(BM/50) BROUGHT FIRST READING OF INFORMATION
PROPOSALS TO A CLOSE. LICHTENSTEIN, SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA
JOINED ALLIES IN SUPPORTING PROPOSALS. SWEDISH REP STRESSED

IMPORTANCE OF CAVEAT IN BM/35 THAT JOURNALISTS NOT BE EXPELLED OR ACTED AGAINST FOR VIEWS PUBLISHED OR BROADCAST BY MEDIA THEY REPRESENT. USSR STATED THAT SOVEREIGN STATES HAVE RIGHT TO REACT TO HOSTILE OR INACCURATE PUBLICATIONS OR BROADCASTS. SEVERAL OTHER EASTERN DELS ONCE AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF JOURNALISTIC RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT FOR LAWS OF HOST COUNTRY. EASTERN DELS OBJECTED TO BM/34 ARGUING IT WOULD EQUATE JOURNALISTS WITH DIPLOMATS. GDR REP SAID THAT, WHILE IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT JOURNALISTS COULD IMPORT NOT ONLY TECHNICAL DEVICES BUT MATERIAL FOR THEIR WORK, THERE WERE ALL TOO FREQUENT INSTANCES OF JOURNALISTS ATTEMPTING TO IMPORT AND/OR EXPORT MATERIAL UNRELATED TO PERFORMANCE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS. HE SAID PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO LAWS OF ACCREDITING STATE.

7. ESTERN DELS DEMONSTRATED AMBIVALENT ATTITUDE TO BM/59 STATING THAT SUCH ASSOCIATIONS NOT NECESSARY IN THEIR COUNTRIES GIVEN EXISTENCE OF PRESS HOUSES. THEY DID NOT CONDEMN IDEA BUT SAID IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE BINDING ON GOVERNMENTS.

8. INTRODUCTION OF LENGTHY POLISH CATCH-ALL PROPOSAL ON CULTURE (BM/33) PROVIDED VEHICLE FOR ITALIAN INTERVENTION CRITICIZING EASTERN COUNTRIES FOR RESTRICTING CULTURAL CONTACTS BY DENYING ARTISTS POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN RECENT VENICE BIENNALE. IN STRONG REPLY SOVIET REP CHARACTERIZED THIS YEAR'S BIENNALE AS AN ANTI-SOCIALIST "CIRCUS", COMPLETELY POLITICAL MANIFESTATION NOT IN SPIRIT OF HELSINKI. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ASHAMED TO RAISE SUBJECT HAD HE BEEN IN ITALIAN'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOES. EXERCISING RIGHT OF REPLY, ITALIAN REP SAID THAT GOVERNMENTS ARE OFTEN CONFRONTED WITH IDEAS WHICH ARE NOT POPULAR OR UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED; FACT THAT FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES THIS MAY HAVE BEEN CASE WITH BIENNALE DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT WAS POLITICAL MANIFESTATION. IN CLOSING REFERENCE TO SOVIET STATEMENT THAT BIENNALE WAS INCONSISTENT WITH FINAL ACT, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FINAL ACT WOULD NOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY LIMITING CULTURAL EXCHANGES. GOLDBERG

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